



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA STEM DAY

- WHEREAS: Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education provides a strong foundation for Georgia's highly skilled workforce and is essential to the continued growth and prosperity of our state's economy; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is recognized among leaders in the global market as a hub for logistics technology, information security technology, financial technology, health IT, and communication services; and
- WHEREAS: The technology industry has a statewide economic impact of more than \$113 billion, accounting for nearly 17 percent of the state's economic activity; and
- WHEREAS: Nearly 211,000 technology jobs are projected to exist in our state by 2018. By introducing students to STEM education at an early age, we are providing them with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the future workforce, while also strengthening Georgia's position as a leader in technological innovation; and
- WHEREAS: On Georgia STEM Day, the TAG Education Collaborative, community partners, and K-12 schools across the state will join together to celebrate STEM education and recognize the long-term benefits of introducing students to these fields of study; and
- WHEREAS: Students, teachers, businesses, and universities will participate in STEM activities including information sessions featuring industry leaders, hands-on classroom projects, field trips, and other events to cultivate an exciting learning environment for Georgia's youth to engage and develop an interest in STEM education; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2018, as GEORGIA STEM DAY and encourage our citizens to engage students in STEM education in order to sustain our position as a leader in technological innovation.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF